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*Wednesday Update*



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This weekly electronic newsletter is designed to keep you current on California Water Plan news. We welcome comments, suggestions and any news tips that may be of interest to water planners.

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## **Agency releases draft schedule and guidelines for Prop. 1 grant applications**

The California Natural Resources Agency has released a [draft schedule](#) and [draft guidelines](#) for grant applications under the Proposition 1 water bond. The schedule covers the first year of a ten-year period of funding under the water bond that was passed by voters last year. More information is available in this agency [news release](#).



## **Web site changes make it easier to apply for drinking water project funding**

A newly streamlined Web site should make it easier for water systems to apply for funding of projects that upgrade California's drinking water supplies. The changes to the [Drinking Water State Revolving Fund](#) site will make it possible for funding applications to be accepted online year-round. Details are available in a [news release](#) from the State Water Resources Control Board.

## **Drought response workshop to be held in Irvine next week**

A [workshop on drought response](#), sponsored by DWR, the Southern California Water Committee, and the National Water Research Institute, is set for Feb. 25 and 26, in Irvine. The [agenda](#) will include presentations on drought mitigation measures. There is no fee to attend the workshop, but registration is required.

## **USGS posts results of study on nation's groundwater quality**

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) has recently completed a report on the [quality of the nation's groundwater](#). It found that 22 percent of groundwater samples contained contaminants at a level that raises health concerns. The USGS has posted an [interactive map](#) that provides links to groundwater reports from across the country.

## **Independent panel set to focus on water use efficiency in the landscape industry**

The [Independent Technical Panel on Demand Management Measures](#) (ITP) will spend this year looking at water use efficiency in the landscape industry. The next [ITP meeting](#) will be this week, Feb. 19 and 20, in Sacramento. Last year, the panel focused on the Urban Water Management Plan Act.

## **Water and climate change sections featured in new California's Future report**

The [Public Policy Institute of California](#) has taken a look at some of the state's most pressing long-term policy challenges. [California's Future](#) includes section on climate change and the current water situation. The water section features a list of the state's strengths and weaknesses that have been revealed during the current drought.



## **Roundtable to look at socioeconomic relationship of forests and communities**

[Registration](#) is available for a [roundtable event](#) to discuss the relationship between national forests and the social and economic status of communities. The Sustainable Forest Action Committee is hosting the event which will be Thursday, Feb. 26, at California State University, Chico.